

Senate District F Senator

James D. Kaufman, Registered Republican



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Neptune, NJ

SPOUSE'S NAME: Nancy Kaufman

OCCUPATION: Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 11 Years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN: Anchorage

EDUCATION:
HS graduate, plus extensive technical, project team management training provided by employers during my career. Certifications included SNT-TC-1A Lev.2, RT/UT/PT/MT AWS-CWI, ASQCMQ-OE.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
State Representative in the 32'nd Legislature. Committees included Legislative Budget and Audit, State Affairs, Labor and Commerce, and Energy

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Quality Manager & Team Leader: Career in quality and technical management supporting resource development, production, and processing projects. Employed by resource development and support companies. Experience includes leadership roles in multi-billion-dollar projects, engineering, construction, and global supply chain quality assurance. Retired from BP 2017.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Active, at times on the boards of local community council, AnchorageHALO.org, previously the Hillside area lead for the Coalition of Community Patrol. Helped organize events to improve our community resilience preparing for potential disasters such as fire, earthquake, eruptions, and pandemics

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Finance, Economics, History, Technology, Music, Learning, Hiking, Skiing, Fishing, Cooking, Brewing

STATEMENT:
All Alaskans deserve a government that works for them.

That's why as a member of the State House I passed and cosponsored legislation to reduce the cost of government and increase performance. I championed spending controls, better budgeting, increased accountability, and transparent governance.

As a State Senator, I will use my experience in the legislature and my background in the private sector to improve the efficiency and performance of our state government.

Our current spending cap does not work; as a result, we routinely swing between spending too much in some years and then drawing from savings or seeking new taxes when we run short of revenues. By improving the spending cap we can control costs, and make responsible decisions- instead of the boom and bust spending that hurts our economy.

We can improve every aspect of state governance if we quit throwing money at problems and start budgeting and managing for higher performance at lower cost. This includes critical infrastructure and programs, such as roads, ports, energy, schools, and public safety.

Alaska's state government needs to put performance at the forefront of the budgeting conversation. If the state is spending billions, we need to deliver results.

With the federal government's policies crushing everyday Alaskans, I want to implement thoughtful policies that make lives better, our economy stronger, and make the government operate like a family budget and not a kid with a blank check at a candy shop. We need to work together responsibly to protect our future.

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